

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 81

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Douglas Weiland for his meritorious service as County Mayor of Montgomery County.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the members of this General Assembly to pause to expressly recognize those venerable public servants who have dedicated themselves to enhancing the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Douglas Weiland is one such estimable person who has served with distinction as County Mayor of Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable tenure as County Mayor of Montgomery County, Douglas Weiland has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues in government and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, after earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education and a Master of Arts degree in School Administration and Supervision from Austin Peay University, Mayor Weiland embarked on a luminous thirty-one-year career with the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System; and

WHEREAS, a man for whom education is an unending process, Mayor Weiland gained his Certified Public Administrator qualification from the University of Tennessee and has graduated from both Leadership Clarksville and Leadership Middle Tennessee; in addition, he has served on the boards of numerous professional associations, including North American School Business Administrators Trust and serving as President of the Tennessee and Southeastern Association of School Business Officials and Metropolitan Area School Systems; and

WHEREAS, initially employed as a business teacher at Clarksville High School in 1966, Mayor Weiland was promoted to the School System Administrative Staff three years later; he

served as Coordinator of Federal Programs for three years, as Supervisor of Vocational Education for three years, and as Director of Business Affairs for twenty-two years; and

WHEREAS, first elected by the Montgomery County Commission to fulfill the term of the previous Mayor in 1997, Douglas Weiland gained the confidence of the public he serves and was subsequently elected to two four-year terms; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as the chief elected official in Montgomery County, Mayor Weiland served on the Industrial Development Board, stood as President of the Montgomery County Rail Authority; served on the Board of Directors and as President of the Greater Nashville Regional Council of Governments, and dedicated his valuable time as the Chairman of the Mid-Cumberland Human Resource Agency; and

WHEREAS, a leader in community affairs, Douglas Weiland serves on the Legends Bank Board of Directors, is a member and former President of the Clarksville Civitan Club, and has also served as President of the United Way of Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Weiland's natural leadership ability and strong financial background were tested, and in no way found wanting, after a tornado devastated much of Montgomery County in 1999; faced with more than five hundred damaged structures countywide and \$13 million worth of damage to government buildings, he rallied Montgomery Countians and assisted County Commissioners in allocating not only enough money to rebuild, but also enough to continue to do so for twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, serving as a testament to his deep commitment to education, Douglas Weiland refused to allow the budget deficit arising from the widespread tornado damage affect the growth demands on the Montgomery County School System, and the County continues to open new schools as needed; and

WHEREAS, a public-spirited citizen of the highest order, Douglas Weiland exemplifies the allegiance to family, public service, and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, he will carry all of the lessons learned during more than forty years of county service into his new position as the Executive Director of the Association of Tennessee Valley Governments, which will benefit immeasurable from his leadership abilities; and

WHEREAS, he is perhaps most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship he shares with his wife, Mary; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Weiland's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life, his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense, and his proclivity for fulfilling the job's myriad demands; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Douglas Weiland epitomizes the spirit and character that have earned Tennessee acknowledgment as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Douglas Weiland for his laudable and astute service to Montgomery County as County Mayor and wish him every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.